

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 1983

TO: - Warner Reeser

FROM: John Blueyes *JB*

SUBJECT: T.A. 38-675, Laguna Reclamation Project: Trip Report, Trip 347

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Authorized by: *SK*

Date: *6/12/13*

I took a tour of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine with a consulting mining engineer, Allen Ries, on 6-23-83. Others on the tour were members of the Pueblo of Laguna, representatives from the BIA Division of Energy and Minerals (Golden, CO), BIA Laguna Agency, and BIA Albuquerque Area Office.

Ron Solimon, Laguna Pueblo's Legal Assistant, organized the tour to point out to government officials the areas of concern relative to the reclamation of the mine site. The pueblo is not satisfied with the manner in which Anaconda Minerals Company (AMC) proposes to address highwalls and the recovery of the groundwater system in the backfilled site.

Allen Ries, William P. Balleau (BIA hydrologist), and I made closer inspections of highwalls at the west end of the North Paguate Pit and at an area referred to as the "P-10 Area." Slope readings were taken as well as notes of the geologic formations on the face of the highwalls. We also inspected some homes at Paguate Village and photographed homes that showed stress cracks. This was the initial visit by Mr. Balleau and Mr. Ries. The visit is preliminary preparation to study issues concerning highwalls, hydrology, and blasting damage to Paguate housing.

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